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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y ( P A R A 3 L I N E 4 O M I T T E D )

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS: ET

SUBJECT: HMS ETHIOPIA

REF: ( A ) CHMAAG 03800 Z JAN 72

( B ) CHMAAG 221330 Z JAN 73

( C ) CHMAAG 101344 Z APR 73

ADDIS ALSO FOR CHMAAG

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE REVIEWED OPTIONS REF ( A ) ON  
FUTURE OF HMS ETHIOPIA AND CONCLUDE OPTION 1 MOST  
REALISTIC UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. OPTIONS 3 AND 4 DO NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE. IEG IS NOT  
LIKELY TO ACCEPT REPLACEMENT WE COULD AFFORD, E. G., ARL,  
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AND CLEARLY IS NOT YET READY FOR RETURN WITHOUT REPLACEMENT.  
 ARGUMENTS AGAINST POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTION USN DE FOR HMS  
 ETHIOPIA MADE REF ( C) LEAD US TO FOREGO FURTHER CONSIDERA-  
 TION OF THAT POSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME. IN ANY EVENT, DE  
 NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

3. OPTION 2 WOULD BE A RETROGRESSION FROM PAST U. S.  
 EFFORTS TO GET IEG TO ASSUME INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
 HMS OPERATIONAL COSTS. THESE EFFORTS WERE UNDERTAKEN NOT  
 ONLY BECAUSE LIMITED MAP AND COMPETING PRIORITYS, BUT IN  
 PATIENT HOPE THAT IEG WOULD EVENTUALLY CONCLUDE THAT OB-  
 SOLESCENT HMS NO LONGER VIABLE INVESTMENT. ANY ATTEMPT  
 AT JOINT USG/ IEN FUNDING WOULD LEAD AT BEST TO PROTRACTED  
 HAGGLING AND WOULD MORE LIKELY HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT  
 ON MAAG/ IEG RELATIONS.

4. WE ARE AWARE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF HMS ETHIOPIA  
 IS LESS THAN OPTIMUM. IN LIGHT OF PAST EXPERIENCE,  
 HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT WERE IT FULLY CAPABLE,  
 UTILIZATION WOULD BE INCREASED SUFFICIENTLY TO JUSTIFY  
 ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED. IEG/ USG FUNDS COULD BETTER  
 BE USED FOR SMALLER CRAFT SUCH AS PGM' S IF COST EFFECTIVE-  
 NESS ONLY CONSIDERATION.

5. COSTS REQUESTED REF ( B) AS FOLLOWS. NOTE, HOWEVER,  
 THAT MANPOWER COSTS AS ESTIMATED ARE SUBJECT TO  
 ESCALATION.

	MANDAY COST	EST. TOTAL
SHIP YARD	( DOLS PER M/ D)	OVERHAUL COSTS
SUBIC SHIP REPAIR FACILITY	15.30 DOLS	81,977 DOLS
YOKOSUKA, JAPAN	46.00	246,468
GUAM	105.00	562,590
SINGAPORE ( PRIVATE YARD)	15.60	83,584
US SHIPYARD	135.00	723,330
	( ASTERISK)	

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( ASTERISK - INCLUDES ESTIMATED NON- PRODUCTIVE TIME.)

THE ESTIMATED COST FOR REPAIR PARTS FOR CRITICAL ITEMS  
 ( LISTED IN TAT REPORT EXCEPT NR. 49,77-79) IS 250,000 DOLS  
 WHICH IS WITHIN PRESENT AMOUNT PROGRAMMED UNDER MAP FOR  
 OVERHAUL OF HMS.

6. SINCE IEG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING COST OF LABOR  
FOR HMS OVERHAULING, WE FEEL THAT COST AT US GUAM  
FACILITY WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON LIMITING ESSENTIALLY  
TO CRITICAL ITEMS THE NEXT OVERHAUL OF HMS. ROGERS

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